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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIM JOHNSON, a Senator from the State of South Dakota.

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, on this day of remembrance and resolve, we praise You for the way You brought us through those dark hours of September 11 a year ago. You were our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. We relive the anxious memories of that infamous day of attacks of terrorism on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the airliner crashed in Pennsylvania. Today, as a Nation, we mourn for those who lost their lives as a result of these violent acts of treachery against our Nation. We deepen our ongoing intercession for their loved ones. Continue to comfort them, help them to endure the loneliness of grief, and grant them Your peace. Particularly, we pray for the families of the firefighters, police officers, and military personnel who died seeking to save others. Care for the thousands of children who lost a parent in these catastrophes.

When we turned over to You our anger, dismay, and grief, you gave us the courage to press on. Thank You for the strong, unified leadership of the President and this Senate in the aftermath of 9/11 and for the decisive engagement of the insidious enemy of terrorism throughout the world. May this be a day of renewed resolve to press on. Protect us from further attacks. Quiet our fears as we reaffirm our trust in You. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TIM JOHNSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM JOHNSON, a Senator from the State of South Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. JOHNSON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be, as the Chair has announced, morning business basically all day. At noon, there will be a moment of silence in recognition of the events of September 11. Both leaders have asked that those

Senators who are here and have not gone home to their States try to be in the Chamber for the moment of silence. I hope all Senators will be here.

I also announce that the two leaders are going to speak prior to the noon moment of silence. The minority leader is going to speak at 20 till the hour, and the majority leader will speak at 10 till the hour.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we all have been touched by the events at the Pentagon this morning. As I walked in, there was a woman whom I do not know, but she is symbolic of the sacrifices that people have made. Her face had been burned very badly, she had no hands, and her arms had been burned. This is what the terrorist activity is all about.

This innocent woman, who never did anything to anyone, has been subjected to this physical torture. It goes without saying that she has gone through and will go through many skin grafts and other such procedures so that she can learn to use her prosthetic hands, which she does not have yet.

It used to be when a building was constructed, they had a ceremony, on every major construction, called the laying of the chief cornerstone. What does that mean? It means that the final stone in the foundation of that building will be laid.

Why did people celebrate that event? They celebrated because they knew if that building had a strong foundation, it would be fine.

In our life in America, that foundation, that chief cornerstone is the Constitution of the United States. That little document that people speak about in this Chamber—led by, more than anyone else, Senator BYRD—is the chief cornerstone of this great democracy.

As we are forced to remember these events of September 11—because it is

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